

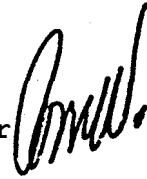
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TO:        THE CIJY COUNCIL  
FROM:      THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

COUNCIL MEETING DATE  
March 21, 1990

SUBJECT: Consider request to designate City park site(s) for canine training and shows

PREPARED BY:                      Ron Williamson, Parks and Recreation Director



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council amend the Municipal Code 12.12.020 to allow for dog shows, competitions, training exhibitions, and the like, by permit use in controlled and enclosed facilities, and that an area or areas be set aside for dog training/running of dogs off leash in designated public park areas secured by a fence. That those using such areas do so of their own free will and accept total responsibility for the actions of their animal(s), liability, and conditions that exist within these areas.

Background Information: At the last two Parks and Recreation Commission meetings we have had dog enthusiasts from our local dog training classes and those that currently train dogs for shows, competition and training exercises address the Commission as to their dogs' needs for such training and events. As such, it is therefore requested to allow, by permit or another City approved means, the use of designated areas for these events. The Commission asked Staff at the February meeting to review these requests for which Staff came back with the recommendation that all dog shows, competitions, and training exhibitions be allowed, providing the group or organization seek the appropriate permit for said activities in parks that can be enclosed and controlled for that single purpose or events. Staff recommended the following facilities that could meet these requirements--Zupo Field, the Grape Bowl (stadium), the Complex and Armory Park. All are enclosed by cyclone fence and can be controlled by one access gate. It would be expected, as with any other event, that an application for use would be completed, a contract or agreement drawn up (permit) that required insurance language, certificates be furnished by the sponsoring party and that fees be charged by the nature of the event and use of said facility.

Additionally, the dog group requested that a dog training area be set aside for public use to train their animals and be open to the general population to allow dogs to be trained or run off leash. The suggestion is that fenced areas would or could be erected to provide these areas at open and/or out of the way areas at one or two parks so that these individuals and the general public could be provided with this service.

The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the above concept--enclosed and controlled dog event use of facilities--and after much discussion wants staff to create these designated fenced areas for animals to be off leash.

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A couple of areas were discussed, Beckman Park north basin, Salas Park northeast basin area, etc. The feeling is that there is considerable open area in these parks to name two and that they could be fenced off for public dog use. Staff indicated that these areas could be fenced off, but a concern with collection of debris when water is being left in the basin, then is drained off can restrict the flow of drainage water going in and out of the facility. After review by Staff, it was recommended that the other suggested high-ground facilities need to retain their open areas for general public use and should not be fenced for restricted use. Unless a separate new park is planned down the road, the only answer is the basins. The Commission indicated that Staff should select these areas.

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